

In the Father's House

*«As we have been united
in the profession of the faith,
so let us keep ourselves united
in suffrage and intercession».*
(Fr Alberione)



At 9:10 pm (local time) on Monday 7 October 2024 he passed away in the Alba Casa Madre infirmary due to the progression of the disease related to Hodgkin's lymphoma.

FATHER FRANCESCO MARIANO TADONE **78 years, 57 of Pauline life, 55 of profession and 36 of priesthood**

Francesco was born in Fossano (CN) on 9 July 1946, one of five children, three brothers and two sisters of his parents Biagio and Maria Alessandra. He entered the community of Rome on 14 October 1966, began his Novitiate on 7 September 1968, made his First Religious Profession on 8 September 1969, taking the name of Mariano, his perpetual profession on 7 September 1975. After having asked for and obtained the passage from discipleship to priesthood, he was ordained a priest on 24 January 1988.

He began his apostolic activity in 1973 as Secretary of the San Paolo classical high school in Alba. In 1976 he was transferred to Rome as Assistant in the Provincial Secretariat, becoming Provincial Secretary in 1978. From 1983 he was a proofreader and reviser, until 1985, the year in which he moved to Alba after being appointed Assistant Director of "Gazzetta d'Alba" and from 2001 he was also Co-Director of the same weekly. In 2008 he was appointed Editor-in-Chief of the magazine "Madre di Dio", and he carried out this apostolate until the last days of his life, despite the fact that illness had already weakened him and forced him to bed.

A shy and reserved person, always very refined, elegant in his speech, but in the many moments of fraternity he showed himself to be a nice, jovial and witty person, capable of great friendship. A special person, creative in the apostolic field, with a strong ability to summarize and understand problems, faithful to the Pauline apostolate on which he loved to dialogue.

He loved ecclesial relationships and willingly referred to the universality of the Church. He suffered greatly because the values that Don Alberione had taught were not always lived. Attentive and sensitive to the liturgy, in his last years he carried out a valuable ministry in the Alba infirmary, presiding over the daily Eucharistic Celebration and always offering a rich and stimulating thought. He was also very faithful in carrying out his daily shift as confessor in the Church of Saint Paul.

The twenty-three years spent in the editorial office of "Gazzetta d'Alba" made him appreciated for his commitment and known for his balance. Already late on Monday evening, when the news of his death began to circulate among the numerous collaborators of the weekly, expressions of esteem and gratitude began to arrive towards the man who had introduced dozens and dozens of young people to the profession of information and the apostolate

of the good press, some of whom now work in the editorial offices of national daily and weekly newspapers.

Father Mariano poured the same amount of commitment and balance into the editorial staff of “Madre di Dio”, creating a monthly magazine that clearly stands out for its profound Mariology and serious Marian devotion, in the wake of the person who founded that newspaper. In fact, at the beginning of his direction, Father Mariano wrote in the editorial of July 2008: “Dear friends, in compliance with the will of my superiors, I am taking on the direction of Madre di Dio, born in 1932 from the mind and heart of Blessed Don Giacomo Alberione, founder of the Pauline Family (“He felt that it was necessary to talk about Mary, or rather to let Mary speak and listen to the maternal lessons of this incomparable educator”).”

We want to imagine that it will be the same “unparalleled educator” who will welcome Father Mariano (name of religious profession, in homage to the Virgin Mary) into heaven and that she will accompany him to receive the prize of the “good and faithful servant,” also obtaining from the Father of all that mercy that he was able to testify with his Pauline ministry.

Rome, 8 October 2024

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 9 at 9:30 in the Saint Paul Church of Alba. The body will be buried in the city cemetery.

The Superiors of the Circumscriptions shall inform their communities for the prescribed suffrages (Const. 65 and 65.1).